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MAYOR APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO AID COUNTY RELIEF WORK

Meeting of Community and Relief Heads Held Recently Brings Realization of Need for Co-operation in Unemployment Situation

An extensive program for providing funds for the relief of the unemployed is to be launched as a result of the meeting held in Los Angeles last week when mayors of the various communities and heads of relief organizations met to consider the problem that confronts them.

The first meeting, held on Tuesday, May 24, resulted in the organization of the body, appointment of committees to confer with the board of supervisors and to look into the facts of the situation and plan for the next year's relief measures.

Job Too Big

It was unanimously the opinion of the group that the matter has assumed too large proportions to be adequately dealt with as in the past by the individual communities and relief organizations.

As under the state constitution, the responsibility for caring for its citizens devolves upon the county it is the obvious conclusion that the county must take over and coordinate all the activities in this direction in order to save duplication and waste of effort, and to provide an adequate means for caring for the unemployed.

Local charitable organizations are expected to carry on with their work for the next month until July 1 when the new co-ordinated plan has been devised and set into operation. The county which has been heavily drawn upon to aid the indigent during the past 11 months, has funds on hand sufficient in the county welfare department to care for resident families in which there are small children, families in which there is sickness, or aged members who require help. This means that the local organizations must plan to care for those in their community who do not come within these classes, families who do not meet the resident requirement of three years in the county, or families having property above \$2500 valuation who are unable through unemployment to meet their immediate needs.

It is reported that at the present time, 176,351 unemployed are registered at the county stabilization bureau. A survey by Occidental College, made in an average residential district in Los Angeles, showed 38 per cent of the families

there in need of immediate or future relief; 52 per cent of the unemployed own their homes but only a small percentage of them clear; the average number of foreclosures in a district with a population of 64,000, is now 10 per day.

Huge Sum Spent

Since July 1, 1931, and including the estimated needs for the month of June, 1932, the relief expenditures by county, municipalities and major private relief organizations, has reached the staggering sum of \$13,561,000. This is a conservative figure and does not include expenditures of many small relief organizations, churches, or fraternal bodies. Approximately 60,400 families are dependent wholly or partially on relief agencies.

The committee concluded, after statements by representatives of various cities, that "Any possible increase in employment during the next several months will at best be gradual and will be more than offset by the exhaustion of reserves of those now near to relief needs, particularly next fall when seasonal work is less, is inevitable."

As a means of confronting this situation, it has been agreed that the only adequate way to handle it is to combine forces. As it is the county's responsibility, the county must take over the work of relief. The job is too big for individual effort. All organizations, of whatever character, engaged in relief work, are therefore called upon to co-operate with the county welfare organization. Contributions for relief must be combined into one fund, effort like the advance of an army must be directed by a central organization. Communities must direct their energies toward this concentration of means and effort.

Committee

To this end the mayor of Torrance, W. T. Klusman, who with Mrs. Caroline Collins, head of the Torrance Relief Society, attended the meeting held last week, and also the second meeting held yesterday, is hard at work appointing a committee which will be composed of representatives of all organized groups in Torrance. The committee will undertake to co-operate with the county in this colossal enterprise, which requires the concentrated effort of every community and every citizen to bring it to a successful conclusion.

Former Resident Escapes Death By Electrocutation

C. F. Evans Severely Shocked and Burned As Iron Rod Hits Power Wire

C. F. Evans, formerly of Torrance, who has been employed on the E. J. Ball ranch near Lancaster for the past year, is at White Memorial hospital in Los Angeles, where he is being treated for serious burns. Mr. Evans was severely shocked and burned on Monday of last week when an iron rod he was using to turn on an irrigation tap came in contact with a high voltage power wire. His hands and the lower part of his body were affected, his right leg being so badly burned that a skin-grafting operation will be necessary. His brother, Joe Evans, of Fredonia, Kansas, who arrived this week, will supply the needed healthy tissue for this purpose.

Mother Goose Play By Elementary at High School Aud.

A Mother Goose extravaganza will be presented by pupils of the Torrance elementary school at the Torrance high school auditorium Friday evening, June 10, the proceeds to be used for child welfare work.

Dog, Prisoned In Overturned Auto, Bites Four People

A peculiar accident in which four persons were bitten by a dog as the result of an auto collision occurred in Lomita on Memorial day. Cars driven by Carroll Dunbar of Los Angeles and Charles Fields, 1015 Cota avenue, Torrance, collided at the intersection of Miller and Cypress streets, Lomita. The Fields car turned over, pinning Mrs. Fields and her two children and the Fields' dog underneath.

Mrs. Dunbar, who was unhurt, attempted to aid the Fields family to extricate themselves and was bitten by the dog, as was her small daughter, Charles Fields and Charles Lupin, who came from his home nearby to assist in the rescue.

Mrs. Fields suffered a wrenched back, but aside from the dog bites, none of the other parties involved in the accident were injured.

Alfred Gourdier Re-Appointed As Postmaster Here

Al Gourdier, postmaster at Torrance, has received advices from Washington to the effect that he has been re-appointed to the office. His past term expired on May 22. While his commission has not yet been received, Mr. Gourdier has been notified that his appointment was confirmed by the senate, and arrangements for filling his bond are being made. This is the fourth time that Mr. Gourdier has received the appointment.

Contracts Are Awarded Fern Street School

At an executive session held Tuesday the Los Angeles city school board let the contracts for the erection of the new Fern avenue school.

Bids were called for on separate departments and the contracts were let as follows: Building, George Mitty, 134 No. Avenue 20, Los Angeles, low bidder, \$47,256; plumbing, Conny & Winterbottom, 2425 Hunter street, Los Angeles, \$4398; heating and ventilating, F. D. Reed Plumbing Company, 1578 E. 23rd street, \$3829; painting, R. Rasmussen, \$1990; electric wiring, Culver City Electric Company, 9083 Washington boulevard, Culver City, \$1379; total \$57,052. The building permit taken out a short time ago called for a cost of \$84,000.

DRY SQUAD IS ACTIVE HERE OVER WEEKEND

Several Arrests Made in Torrance and Lomita On Wright Act Charges

Operatives from the district attorney's office in Los Angeles were busy during the past few days in Torrance and Lomita, and the result of their raids was the arrest and arraignment in justice court of several persons on charges of violating the Wright act. Victor Kolk, 2501 W. 261st street, Lomita, plead guilty on arraignment and paid \$15 of a \$100 fine, with alternative of 30 days in jail, the balance being suspended.

Leona Alderson of the Hotel Erwin, Torrance, plead guilty and was fined \$300 or 150 days in jail, with \$250 suspended. She was given, until Tuesday at noon to raise the balance, which time was extended until Wednesday at noon. In default of payment she was committed to jail.

Wilbur E. Crossmyer, residing at the Torrance Hotel, was compelled to pay \$200 of a fine suspended on January 21 when he was arrested on a charge of possession and transportation of liquor to which he had plead guilty. On his being arrested a second time, within the year for which the first sentence had been suspended, on charges of violating the Wright act, he was required to pay the original fine.

Howard L. Wise plead guilty Tuesday to disturbing the peace, a charge preferred by Charles Koehler, 2421 29th street, Lomita, and was given a fine of \$50 or 25 days in the county jail. The fine was paid.

On May 26, Wise, with Anna Koehler and Helen Cichy, was arrested on a charge of violating the Wright act preferred by operatives from the district attorney's office. Wise plead guilty and was given a sentence to pay \$200 or serve 100 days in the county jail, which was suspended for one year on condition that Wise stay away from the Koehler home and from Lomita.

The women were given two days in which to plead and posted \$100 bail each for their appearance.

Many Calls Made On New Residents By City Hostess

In her report to the Chamber of Commerce on activities of the past year, Mrs. Phoebe J. Milburn, city hostess, presents a comprehensive picture of her labors in behalf of the newcomers to Torrance. During the 52 weeks ending in May, Mrs. Milburn had made 216 calls on new residents, in 145 of which she had contacted members of the family. In 101 calls, the family had begun out or some working member of the household was sleeping.

Mrs. Milburn reported four hours per week spent in the office of the Chamber of Commerce working on the mailing list, and another six hours spent in collecting the names of new residents, listing and checking them. On Tuesday she was a hostess at a telephone calls for information she received an average of four per day.

Class of 52 Will Graduate From Torrance High School In June

Fifty-two members of the summer class of 1932, Torrance high school are awaiting the final edict of the school authorities as to their readiness for graduation. School work for the seniors has almost drawn to a close, and only remains a few more days of uncertainty as to "passing" before the diploma goal is reached. Commencement this year will be held on June 15.

Those who are numbered among the elect, subject to last minute revision by the school powers, are the following:

Van Bartcheko, Jack Christensen, Ray Christensen, Hartley Cooke, Leland Elder, Stanley Gilbert, Ross Hatton, William Loftus, John Mock, Charles Montague, Sydney Nickerson, Robert Nourse, Elmer Riley.

Stanley Sach, Lawrence Stevenson, Leo Sweeney, LeRoy Thompson, Arthur Yamamoto, Pete Zamparini, Bernice Baker, Marie Bratsch, Marje Belasco, Concetta Briganti, Elizabeth Birkbeck, Isabelle Burdick, Audrey Clark, Lola Cokely, Jean Crawford.

Viola Dawson, Grace Denny, Irene Pix, Alice Gail, Florence Gramling, Genevieve Guyan, Paul Marie Henry, Bertha Hinman, Jean Hudson, Olga Janssen, Dolores King, Arabelle Kirchner, Marguerite Lincoln, Melvin Lockart, Blanche Lukes.

Florence Merriam, Mary Nady.

Swing Active In Promoting New Building

A new post office at Torrance already authorized by congress at a cost of \$85,000 may be included in the federal work program for the relief of the unemployed now being pushed in congress. Representative Swing is making a fight to obtain prompt action by congress on this vital issue before this session adjourns.

"Only the United States can get the money in sufficient amounts and at low enough interest to do the job," said Congressman Swing. "The United States has a large amount of work that it will do during the next five or six years. Why not do that work now when construction costs are low, when increased employment will relieve widespread suffering and stimulate business? Issuing bonds for permanent improvements is an established practice approved in every state in the union. There can be no just criticism of the federal government following that practice during the present crisis. Private industry will gladly follow and co-operate once the government shows leadership and demonstrates that it means business and is determined to go through with the job of ending the depression."

Double Lighting Problem Solved

Petition of nearly three score Torrance residents that the area in which they reside be withdrawn from the Lomita lighting district was granted this week by the county board of supervisors. The area was annexed to Torrance last June 27.

Until the official action of the supervisors, taken on Tuesday, property owners within the area were paying overlapping assessments, because they already were in the Lomita lighting district when they voted to annex to Torrance. Street lights in Torrance are paid out of a general city assessment, unlike Los Angeles and larger cities where all lights in a certain district are charged against surrounding property, which requires an expensive separate department of the city government to "keep books on it."

Brother-In-Law of Bradford Dies

William Shanteau of Long Beach passed away suddenly from a heart attack Sunday. Mr. Shanteau had returned home after attending a ball game when he was taken ill, and in spite of the efforts of heart specialists and the Long Beach pulmonary squad, who were called immediately, he died in a short time. He was a brother-in-law of George Bradford, 2067 Carson street, Torrance.

Cleta Neville, Margery Roelofs, Trixie Rowell, Dorothy Stevenson, Virginia Turner, Virginia Walker, Ruth Wilhelm.

Waiting to take their places as full-fledged members of the high school group are the graduates of the junior high, or A-9 class, 64 in number. They are Boyce Bouldin, George Bradford, Wesley Brady, Craig Brown, Roland Brown, James Collin, David Clark, James Coll, Francis Doner, Billy Emery.

Jim Grubbs, Dick Hatton, Bert Hoffman, Julius Jaggel, Marion Johns, Garland Johnson, Martin Kalina, Robert McGinnis, Cletus McLean, George Miura, Ralph Montague, John Nady, Carl Paxman, Billy Russell, Jimmie Ryan, Everett Seiber.

Leon Shoptaugh, Earl Smith, Hal Smith, Marshall Tappan, Raymond Tucker, Robert Wertz, Kady Baker, Emily Bechtel, Norma Buckler, Patricia Carlin, Vivian Carroll, Roberta Colburn, Margaret Condon, Ruth Dawson, Elizabeth Edwards, Louise Failla, Alice Feneman, Ruth Granger, Martha Greaves, Joy Heggie.

Olive Belle Huber, Vee Kasper, Margaret Kibbe, Frances McNeil, Janet Mastri, Dorothy Melton, Jeannette Mikelson, Mildred Mintun, Junitta Morris, Beatrice Riley, Lorraine Roelofs, Jaqueline Rogers, Nadine Sherwin, Adeline Shoptaugh, Doris Taylor, Hazel Thompson, Jean Volz, Fern Wright.

Championship Trophy Is Won By Aggie Team

Four championship trophies, two of them the permanent possession of the school since they have been won for the third time, have been claimed by the agriculture teams of the Torrance high school, thus establishing an enviable record for excellence in this department.

The latest addition to the Aggie teams' display of cups was secured recently when the dairy products team was awarded first place and the city championship in a contest held at the Fremont high school in Los Angeles. The contestants were Stanley Sach, high individual and first in milk and cheese judging; Tom McNeil, first in butter; Carl Paxman, second in cheese and third high in all classes; Martin Kalina, second in milk. While the poultry judging team was beaten by Banning, its members set up some high records. Kenneth Fess was second high individual in all classes. Dale Howe and Marion Mintun were the other two members of this team.

In the B team, Melba Howard was first high individual in all classes. His teammates were Craig Brown and Bob Whitley.

Torrance started the season by winning the Los Angeles city championship in fruit judging at Wilmington, winning permanent possession of the silver cup offered by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. B and C teams won in this contest. These teams went to San Bernardino where the A team won the state championship in competition with 34 other schools.

At the state semi-finals held in Los Angeles in April the Torrance dairy cattle judging team won over 11 other schools entered from a territory extending from Santa Maria to San Diego. The prize was a beautiful trophy offered by the Southern California Milk Dealers Association.

Their fourth trophy, the second permanent award, was won at Fremont high. The cup was offered by the Standard Creamery company.

Members of Torrance victorious teams are: Fruit judging, A. Tom McNeil, Kenneth Fess, Dale Howe; B. Mildred Cowan, Beulah Russell; Eleanor Austin, Francis Mowry; Dairy cattle, Kenneth Fess, Cornelius Peet, Dale Howe. Dairy products, Stanley Sach, Carl Paxman, Tom McNeil, Martin Kalina. Other agricultural teams which placed high but did not win are: Livestock, Ted Merrill, Melvin Howard, Bob Carson, Poultry, Marion Mintun, John Phillips, Jimmie Grubb.

Fairy Tales In Flowers Is Theme

Theme of the 1932 Tournament of Roses at Pasadena will be "Fairyland—A Book of Fairy Tales in Flowers," according to invitations received by the county board of supervisors today.

Auxiliary Poppy Sale Is Success

Proceeds amounting to a little over \$100 were derived from the sale of poppies by the American Legion Auxiliary on Friday and Saturday last week.

The auxiliary, through the chairman of the Poppy Day sale, Mrs. Roxie Sleeth, expresses its appreciation of the support given to this charitable enterprise. "To the community in general, Sandy & Scotty, Stone & Myers, the Torrance Herald; you have made our Memorial poppy sale a success. With us you have kept faith and in doing so have helped us to carry our motto high, 'In peace as in war we serve.' The Bert S. Crossland unit 170, American Legion Auxiliary, thanks you."

RELIEF FOR UNEMPLOYED IS PROBLEM

Bond Issue Believed to Be Impossible; Council Puzzled

A number of the local unemployed met with the city council Tuesday evening in the council chambers in an effort to develop some method of providing work for those in need. While a number of suggestions were discussed in the three-hour session, the meeting broke up at 11 o'clock without any definite agreement being reached.

Beverly Smith, local head of the Citizens Tax League, opened the meeting with the explanation that he had conferred with the committee from the unemployed and had informed them that the league could not support a general bond issue. Smith stated that the league had gone on record as refusing to support any bond issue or assessment levy until the taxes had been reduced 30 per cent.

Among the projects suggested which would provide work were: the improvement of Vista Highlands, extension of Torrance boulevard, the opening and extension of Arlington avenue, the further extension of Sepulveda boulevard to connect with Western avenue, and the purchase and development of a park or playground. The possibility of expediting action on the municipal water system was also discussed. Mayor Klusman explained that it was impossible to hurry the water suit, and that it would probably take five months to get a decision from the supreme court. Klusman also stated that he had contacted a number of bond brokers and none of them seemed interested in buying municipal improvement district bonds, which is the type of bond which was voted for the water system.

Steiner-Klusman Fight

Councilman Steiner stated that everything possible was being done by the city to provide work, but that the city was badly in need of funds. A hot argument arose between Steiner and Mayor Klusman when the latter accused Steiner of using city funds to lower water rates.

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Burglary at the MacMarr Store On Saturday Night

Unknown parties forced an entrance to the MacMarr Store and Grubb Market, 1928 Carson street, Saturday night and helped themselves to a small quantity of cigarettes from the grocery side and change amounting to about \$1.00 from the market. A padlock was twisted off one of the front doors, admitting the prowlers, who left a pair of gloves as the only clue to their identity.

Employes Present Shawger With Gift

William E. Shawger, plant superintendent of Rubbercraft Corporation, was honored when more than 30 employes presented him with a gold wrist band and an electric mixer last Friday afternoon at the shop as a farewell gift prior to his departure for a position with the D. & M. Machine Works.

PLAN \$12,000,000 BOND ISSUE TO MEET COUNTY RELIEF NEED

Supervisors Will Be Asked to Set Machinery in Motion at Once to Provide for Aid of Unemployment

GENERAL TORRANCE RELIEF AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

W. T. Klusman, mayor, chairman.
Legion—Col. N. F. Jamieson and L. H. Deininger.
Kiwanis—Frank Steinhaber.
Rotary—Herbert Wood.
Torrance Relief—President Mrs. Caroline Collins and Secretary Mrs. Isabel Harrison.
Good Cheer Club—Mrs. R. F. Hogue.
Chamber of Commerce—President DeKalb Spurlin.
Business Men—Earl Butler, Dr. C. L. Ingold.
Parent Teachers Association—Mrs. O. E. Hall.
Business and Professional Women's Club—Mrs. Juliet Young.
Submitted to Los Angeles county relief and unemployment budget committee as requested by that body.
W. T. KLUSMAN.

A \$12,000,000 bond issue, to be floated within 30 days by the county of Los Angeles, for the immediate relief of the unemployment situation, is the proposal adopted at the second meeting of mayors, heads of relief organizations, and others interested in welfare work, held Wednesday at Los Angeles, and attended by W. T. Klusman, mayor of Torrance.

Unanimous approval of the plan was given, and as a result the board of supervisors will be immediately requested to take action to put the move into operation.

Only by such drastic and speedy action can the situation be met, it is claimed. Fourteen million dollars were spent last year in unemployment relief, by the county, local relief associations and others, which sum does not include the sums disbursed by churches, fraternal organizations, and private individuals.

80 Local Families

In the city of Torrance 50 families were cared for by the Torrance Relief Association and 30 families by the Good Cheer Club. The report of the situation in Torrance, as submitted by Mayor W. T. Klusman, shows the scope of the work that has been done during the past year, and which in view of present conditions will no doubt have to be repeated during the next year.

The Good Cheer Club has no funds available at present for further relief work. The Torrance Relief Society has on hand \$2000, which is being disbursed. The Torrance high school relief, which includes contributions from teachers of one per cent of their monthly salaries, has disbursed all but \$150 of a \$5000 fund. Their fund was used for clothing and food for children.

Local Legion Unit Makes 27 Public Appearances Since Organization

On Friday, June 10, the Torrance Legion Drum and Bugle Corps will go to the Warner Bros. theater in San Pedro to put on a program as a special attraction in connection with the regular theatre program. In addition to this the corps management is in communication with other theatres with a view to booking this aggregation as an attraction in various cities.

On June 25 the corps will participate in the pre-convention competition to be held at Santa Ana, and all future appearances are to be held with a view to raising money to send the group to the Legion state convention to be held at Oakland.

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It was pointed out at the meeting yesterday that there are but two ways of raising funds. These are by direct taxation or a bond issue, and the committee was advised that to raise \$12,000,000 by direct taxation would mean an addition in the tax rate of from 31 to 33 cents. Members therefore decided there is no acceptable alternative to a bond issue.

The resolution also provided that if the proposed bond issue carries the administration of the funds be placed in the hands of a committee comprised of seven representative civic leaders chosen from various communities who will cooperate in the expenditure of the relief money with the county board of supervisors and welfare department, that only as many of the bonds be sold as is deemed necessary from time to time to furnish relief.

Before the request was made for the bond issue, Supervisor Wright said the county board would not take the initiative, but if the public wants the bond issues, it will furnish the machinery to hold an election.

Supervisor Quinn said he believes the bonds will carry, but that if they do not the people of Los Angeles are going to see violence next winter. He said people are not aroused to the situation. He told of coming in contact with an organization, representing 40,000 people, who had dedicated themselves never to vote for any more bond issues.

"War Measure"

"This is not a bond issue," said John C. Austin, former president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the meeting. "This is an emergency relief—a war measure."

Quinn questioned whether the bonds could be sold on the market if voted, but other speakers declared that with the proper campaign to awaken citizens, the bonds could be sold in Los Angeles.

Scott made a stirring talk, urging a program of intensive education to put the bond issue over by letting people who are hoarding funds know that it will be tougher for them in the end in taxes.

"This is war," he shouted. "We are fighting starvation and the temptation of men to take the law into their own hands and say: 'Stick 'em up!' It's everybody's business unless we want a dictatorship. We can't cover the situation up any longer. The people have got to know the truth. If people know they will vote the bonds."

Drum Corps Big Factor In City Publicity Gain

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